(vi) Observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns;

(vii) National Safety Awards.

मध्य प्रदेश में चने की खरीद

1005. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य सरकार की एजेन्सियों द्वारा कुल कितनी मात्रा में चने की खरीद की गई, किन-किन एजेन्सियों द्वारा कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में चने की खरीद की गई;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि वर्ष 1995-96 में मध्य प्रदेश की कुछ मंडियों में चना समर्थन मूल्य से भी कम मूल्य पर बेचा गया था, यदि हां, तो मूल्यों में हुई इस गिरावट को रोकने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) मध्य प्रदेश में राज्य सहकारी संघ/प्राथमिक सहकारी विपणन समितियों के माध्यम से नेफेड द्वारा वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान वाणिज्यिक खाते पर 3832 मीटरी टन चने की खरीददारी की गई थी।

(ख) निर्धारित विनिर्दिष्टयों अर्थात् उचित औसत किस्म वाले स्टाक के लिए न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार उचित औसत किस्म के चने के मूल्य 700—750 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की रेंज में थे जबकि उचित औसत किस्म के चने का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य 670 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल है। न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य से कम मूल्य पर बेचा गया चना उचित औसत किस्म की विनिर्दिष्टियों के अनुरूप नहीं था।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Licensing Policy of Sugar Mills

1006. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the present policy of licensing the new sugar factories and expansion of units;

(i) the number and names of the new units, State-wise, to whom letters of intent have been issued after October, 1996,

(ii) the sugar factories who have been issued LOT for expansion State-wise after October, 1995 alongwith the capacities;

(b) the applications pending with Government after March, 1994 for expansion upto 2500 TCD minimum economic capacity and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any change in the existing policy to give preference for licensing to co-operative societies, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI *AJIT SINGH*): (a) No, Sir.

(i) The number and names of the new units to whom letters of intent have been issued after October, 1995 upto 4-3-1996 are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Location
Uttar Pradesh:		
1.	M/s. Barnawa Sugar Mills Ltd.	Muzaffarpur Kambla Distt. Meerut
2.	M/s. Bahadrabad Sugar Mills Ltd.	Bahadrabad, Distt. Haridwar
Karnataka:		
1.	M/s Shri Someshwar SSK Niyamit	Bailhongal Taluk, Distt. Belgaum.
2.	Shri Shashi-Kant Sidnal	Manoli Taluk, Saund-atti, Distt. Belgaum.
3.	M/s The India Cement Ltd.	Mallanhalli, Taluk Krishnarajapet, Distt. Mandya.
4.	M/s Prem Sugars & Chemicals Corporation Ltd.	Thimmalapura Taluk, Nagamangla Distt. Mandya.
5.	M/s The Mandya National paper Mills Ltd.	Belaguda, Taluk Srirangapatna, Distt. Mandya.

(ii) As on 4-3-1996, four letters of intent have been issued by the Ministry of Industry for expansion in the existing units, the details of which are as under:

S. No.	Short name of the factory	Expansion Capacity from	to (TCD)
Uttar Pradesh			
1.	Balrampur	5000	10000
2.	Babhnan	2500	3500
3.	Aira	2500	5000
4.	Biswan	2500	5000

(b) As on 4-3-1996, 11 applications received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for expansion in the existing units upto the minimum economic capacity of 2500 TCD, after March, 1994 were pending consideration as Licensing Policy for sugar industry was earlier under review.

(c) No, Sir.

Targets for Assam

1007. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the details of implementation of different targets set out for Assam under the current Five Year Plan in the sphere of Food Processing, Public Distribution and Petroleum and Natural Gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Target for Assam under Current Five Year Plan

S. No.	Item	Unit	Target	Actual			Anti.	Target	Total 8th
			8th Plan	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Plan (Anti.)
1.	**Crude Oil**		16.59*	2.52	2.76	2.88	2.92	2.99	14.07
	Production		20.44*	2.42	2.23	2.20	2.70	2.75	12.30
	(i) Oil	MMT							
	(ii) ONGC	MMT							
2.	**Natural Gas**		9438.90	1562.20	1522.05	1434.45	1492.85	1627.90	7639.45
	*i. OIL	MCM	5679.00	523.06	504.41	511.26	550.00	575.00	2663.73
	*ii. ONGC	MCM							
3.	**Public Distribution**		TARGETS NOT FIXED.						
4.	**Food Processing**		TARGETS NOT FIXED.						

*includes target of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.

Post of Junior Scientist in Rubber Board

1008. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the post of Junior Scientist in the Biotechnology Division in the Rubber Board a candidate who was only an M.Sc. was selected while a number of other candidates with both Ph. D. and research experience appeared for the interview; and

(b) if so, the names and qualifications of the candidates who appeared for the